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Note verbale dated 13 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the address by the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada) to the guarantors States of the Security of Ukraine adopted on 11 March 2014

The delegation of Ukraine to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Michael Møller and has the honour to transmit herewith the address by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (the Parliament of Ukraine) to the guarantors States of the security of Ukraine, adopted on 11 March 2014.

The delegation of Ukraine would appreciate it if this address could be immediately issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and circulated to all member States and observer States of the Conference.

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Address by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the guarantors States of the security of Ukraine

Throughout recent days the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea continues to deteriorate rapidly due to the intervention of the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

In view of the guarantees enshrined in the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (Budapest Memorandum) the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine calls on States Parties to the Budapest Memorandum and International Organizations to take practical measures in order to ensure the territorial integrity and security of Ukraine.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appeals to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as the States Parties to the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to meet their obligations under its provisions and apply all possible diplomatic, political, economic and military measures for the immediate cessation of aggression and preservation of the independence, sovereignty and existing borders of Ukraine.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appeals to the Russian Federation in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for immediate withdrawal of troops from the territory of Ukraine and cessation of aggression against Ukrainian State and ensuring its territorial integrity and independence.